

## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, line 3, please add the following new paragraph:

### **-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This is a Continuation of application U.S. 10/116,627 filed April 3, 2002, which is a Divisional of application U.S. Serial No. 09/723,794 filed November 28, 2000, now abandoned. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Useful iron complexes comprise one or more polycarboxylic acid chelating ligands. Particularly useful chelating ligands include conventional polyaminopolycarboxylic acids including ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and others described in *Research Disclosure*, publication 38957, pages 592-639 (September 1996), US-A-5,582,958 (Buchanan et al.), and US-A-5,753,423 (Buongiorno et al.). *Research Disclosure* is a publication of Kenneth Mason Publications Ltd., Dudley House, 12 North Street, Emsworth, Hampshire PO10 7DQ England. This reference will be referred to hereinafter as "*Research Disclosure*." There are hundreds of possible chelating ligands that are known in the art, the most common ones being ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), 1,3-propylenediaminetetraacetic acid (PDTA), diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid (DTPA), cyclohexanediaminetetraacetic acid (CDTA) and hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetic acid (HEDTA). --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- from about 0.15 to about 0.75 mol/l of one or more iron-ligand complexes, the iron-ligand complexes comprising a ligand selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, 1,3-propylenediaminetetraacetic acid, ethylenediaminedisuccinic acid, methyliminodiacetic acid, alaninediacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, ethylenediaminemonosuccinic acid, 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid, and salts thereof, --